

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1608

Introduced by Assembly Member Liu

February 21, 2003

An act to amend Sections 2000 and 2101 of the Elections Code, relating to voting.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1608, as introduced, Liu. Voting age: primary and special elections.

Existing law provides that any person who will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election is eligible to register and vote at that election.

This bill, instead, would allow a person to register to vote if he or she will be 18 years of age at the time of the next general election, and to vote at any intervening primary or special election.

Because this bill would increase the duties of local elections officials, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2000 of the Elections Code is amended
2 to read:

3 2000. (a) Every person who qualifies under Section 2 of
4 Article II of the California Constitution and who complies with
5 this code governing the registration of electors may vote at any
6 election held within the territory within which he or she resides and
7 the election is held.

8 (b) Any person who will be at least 18 years of age at the time
9 of the next *general* election is eligible to register and vote at that
10 election, *and at any intervening primary or special election that*
11 *occurs after the person is eligible to register to vote.*

12 SEC. 2. Section 2101 of the Elections Code is amended to
13 read:

14 2101. A person entitled to register to vote shall be a United
15 States citizen, a resident of California, not in prison or on parole
16 for the conviction of a felony, and at least 18 years of age at the time
17 of the next *general* election.

18 SEC. 3. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government
19 Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this
20 act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local
21 agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant
22 to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title
23 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for
24 reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000),
25 reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims
26 Fund.

